



(3) The entire delay between the date the claim for priority was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date of this Petition was unintentional. Your petitioners sincerely believe that this statement satisfies the provisions of 37 CFR 1.78(3)(a)(iii) and that it is substantiated by the Primary Examiner's explanations on page 2 of Paper No. 8. Thus, the Primary Examiner observed that he was previously under the impression that a reference in the specification to the parent application in order to obtain the benefit of prior filing under 35 USC 120 "was the only thing lacking in applicant's priority claim". Such reference has been made on page 2 of the amendment dated May 27, 2003.

An amendment in response to all other passages of Paper No. 8 is enclosed herewith.

A favorable disposition at a reasonably early date is earnestly solicited.

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